

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 407

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Paul Decker, Principal of Hendersonville High School, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Paul Decker is one such estimable educator who will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious twenty-five-year tenure as Principal, Paul Decker has served with the utmost acumen and alacrity, instructing and positively influencing the students, faculty, and staff of Hendersonville High School; and

WHEREAS, a native of South Nashville, Paul Decker earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University and later obtained a Master's degree in educational administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Decker began his career in education in 1969 as a student teacher at Hendersonville High School; and

WHEREAS, Principal Paul Decker is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously to motivate his students, faculty, and staff to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Decker truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Paul Decker is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Jackie, and their three sons, Ty, Tommy, and Joey; and

WHEREAS, Principal Paul Decker truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Mr. Paul Decker, commending his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, saluting his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.